

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please substitute the following replacement paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 3:

According to a second important characteristic, the method of the invention makes it possible to activate conventional applications, i.e. of the aforementioned "CGA" "GCA" type, located in a smart card, without having to modify them in any way.

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Please substitute the following replacement paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 6:

To do this, one or more intelligent agents called script translators are provided, which receive requests from a browser and translate them into "APDU" commands comprehensible to the "CGA" "GCA" application. This technical characteristic makes it possible to install, in a smart card whose architecture conforms to the method of the invention, a mechanism similar to the so-called "CGI" (Common Gateway Interface) function installed in conventional "web" servers.

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Please substitute the following replacement paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 31:

The smart card 2a then actually has the "web" server functionality. Moreover, according to an important characteristic of the method of the invention, any conventional application A₁ through A_n, of the aforementioned "CGA" "GCA" type, can be activated through this "web" server, either through the "web" browser 10 present in the terminal 1, or through a remote browser located at any point in the internet network RI. According to the method of the invention, the applications A₁ through A_n do not need to be rewritten and are used as they are.

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Please substitute the following replacement paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 29:

It is appropriate to note that the data addressed to the "web" agent $232a_1$ is transported, in an essentially conventional way, in the form of "APDU" commands addressed to the particular "Packet Multiplexer" application. The "APDU" command handler $201a$ selects this application in a way entirely similar to the other applications of the "~~CGA~~" "GCA" type present in the smart card $2a$, referenced A_1 through A_n . In other words, the packet multiplexer $230a$ is seen by the "APDU" command handler $201a$ as an ordinary "~~CGA~~" "GCA" application.

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Please substitute the following replacement paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 1:

A script translating agent generates a set of "APDU" commands. A session is opened between the translating agent, for example the agent ATS_i , and the "APDU" agent $2010a$. The commands are then sent to the "APDU" agent $2010a$. The "APDU" command handler $201a$ selects the "~~CGA~~" "GCA" application A_i (for example the "e-purse" application) and transmits it the "APDU" commands, commands that are translated and therefore conventional, which it is capable of understanding. This application is therefore correctly activated, without having to be modified or rewritten.

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Please substitute the following replacement paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 8:

The responses from the "~~CGA~~" "GCA" application A_i are transmitted to the "APDU" command handler $201a$, to the "APDU" agent $2010a$, then again to the agent ATS_i (and more generally to the script translating agent).